moval of illiteracy. As on 31-12-86, 25,430 learners were involved in Madhya Pradesh under this programme.

Thus, out of total adult learners numbering 7,64,963 as on 31-12-86 in Madhya Pradesh, 49.2 per cent were women and 34.3 per cent were persons belonging to Scheduled Tribes.

(vi) *Non-formal Education*

A major thrust of non-formal education covering the age group 6-14 in the State of Madhya Pradesh provides special eeniral assistance on 50: 50» sharing basis. For increasing the involvement of girls for the age group of 6-11 years the scheme was liberalised from 1983-84 under which assistance on 90: 10 sharing pattern is being given for opening 'non-formal education centres exclusively for girls. Stress is laid on opening the centres in tribal/rural/hilly areas. Another centrally scheme "Appointment of women teachers in Primary Schools" has been in operation during 1986-87 under which 1150 teachers have been appointed in Madhya Pradesh. The Central Government has released an amount of Rs. 1.75 crores as grants to Madhya Pradesh Government under these schemes during 1986-87.

(vii) The State Government of Madhya Pradesh has been advised to initiate action regarding implementation of the strategies contained in the Programme of Action to operationa-lise policy parameters of the National Policy on Education, 1986 and draw up a detailed spatial plan to enrol all adult illiterates in the age group 15-35 by 1995.

(viii) Technology Mission for Eradication °f Illiteracy in 15-35 age-group is also being launched to ensure that techno-pedagogic advancements become available for improvement of the working and living conditions 0^ the deprived sections of society.

Prevalence of flourosis in Amroli in Gujarat

1770. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the prevalence of floUrosis in Lathi and Liliya Talukas of Amroli District in Gujarat owing to naturally high content of flouride in drinking water in the areas;

(b) whether Government have drawn up any plans to provide safe drinking water to the affected People in view of serious consequences of this disease; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof and whether Government propose to tackle the problem of brackish water in the Bhal area of Dhandhuka Taluka of Ahmedabad district?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT AND **THE** MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI P. V. NARA-SIMHA RAO): (a) As per available information, 16 villages are effected with flourosis in Amroli District of Gujarat.

(b) and (c) The Nalgenda technique for deflouridation of water is being tried in Bhesan Veghania, Bhariya and Pipalwa villages of Amroli District by Gujarat Water Supply and Sewage Board. Provision of alternate safe drinking water in the Bhal area of Dhandhuka Taluka can take care of the problem of brackish water.

The Technology Mission on 'Safe Drinking Water' is also aimed at providing safe water wherever problem areas have been located in the country.

Establishment of flight kitchen **and** hotel at Madras by Indian Airlines

1771. SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a de-

cision was taken by the Indian Airlines Board of Directors to drop the proposal *to* establish its own flight kitchen and a hotel in Madras to meet the requirement of its crew and other staff; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefo$_r$ and what is the effect of such a decision?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) Whereas Indian Airlines Board has agreed to set up flight kitchen at Madras, it is not in favour of setting up of hotel by Indian Airlines. The Board is of the view that Indian Airlines should concentrate more on improving passenger services, rather than getting up of hotels.

Shifting of South Eastern Railway Headquarter from Calcutta to Orissa

1772. SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPA-TRA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Orissa Legislative Assembly had pas sed a motion demanding shifting of the Headquarter of South Eastern Railway from Calcutta to Orissa and urging the Centre to ensure Orissa 'gets the proper position in the Railway map of the country; and

(b) if so, what steps Government have taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) It appears from press reports that the subject was recently discussed in the Orissa Legislative Assembly.

(b) Keeping in view severe financial constraints, likely dislocation to « large numbed of staff and on administrative grounds, there is no proposal under consideration of the Government to shift the Headquarters of South Eastern Railway from Calcutta.

D.T.C. Buses from NOIDA

1773. SHRI PURUSHOTTAM KA-KODKAR; Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that no bus routes has been started s$_0$ far by D.T.C. for the Central Government employees working in Udyog Bhavan, Krishi Bhavan, and All India Radio, New Delhi coming from NOIDA;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) whether any representation has been made recently to the D.T.C authorities for diverting the route of any one Limited Stoppage trip from Seetor-21/25, NOIDA to the Kendriya Terminal *via* the aforesalid route;

(d) if so, what action has been taken by D.T.C. in this regard; and

(e) whether Government propose to issue direction to the DTC authorities to consider and expedite this issue of the public demand and if so, by when and if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) No, Sir. Bus routes Nos. 300 and 346 from NOIDA serve these areas.

(b) Does not arise,

(c) Yes, Si'r.

(d) and (e) Diversion of the existing limited stop trip at 0900 hours from NOIDA Sector 21/25 from the existing route will be resented to by the commuters for Mandi House, Connaught Place etc. For the convenience of the travelling public, change-ove'r facilities are available at the most convenient points. Central Government employees working in Udyog Bhavan, Krishi Bhavan, Red Cross Road and All India Radio, New Delhi coming from NOIDA are